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For: Method for a Programmed Controlled  
Ovarian Stimulation Protocol

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following  
amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

a' 1. (Amended) In the method of therapeutic management of infertility by programming  
of controlled ovarian stimulation (COS) and assisted reproductive procedures (ART) the  
improvement consisting of

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- a) suppression of premature ovulation with an LHRH-antagonist in controlled ovarian  
stimulation (COS) and assisted reproductive techniques (ART) with multiple follicle and  
oocyte development
  - b) programming the start of controlled ovarian stimulation (COS) by the administration  
of progestogen [-] only - or alternatively combined oral contraceptive preparations